Mr. A. K. Kunhi Moldeen.—I second it.

President.—The question before the House is that leave be given to introduce the 'Cutchi Memons Succession Bill'.

Question put and agreed to.

Cattle Trespass Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce the 'Cattle Trespass Regulation Amendment Bill'.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—I second it.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—I oppose the Bill.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—From a most unexpected quarter the opposition to the Bill has come. There is a Regulation regarding this already in existence and this is only an amending Bill. The purpose of this Bill is just to increase the fine provided under the Cattle Trespass Regulation so that agriculturists of the State may safely carry on cultivation. I have explained quite clearly in the Statement of Objects and Reasons the purpose of the Bill. So it is not necessary for me to make a long statement. I shall merely read the Statement of Objects and Reasons.

"The loss and injury suffered by cultivators and occupiers of land from damage done to crops and other produce of land by the trespass of cattle have enormously increased, despite the Cattle Trespass Regulation that now exists, and it is, therefore, deemed necessary to amend some of the provisions of the said Regulation with a view to minimise the damage done to crops and other produce of land by the trespass of cattle."

I do not think that any more explanatory statement is necessary to get the leave of the House to introduce this Bill.

President.—You have got a right of speech, Mr Harihara Ayyar.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—We have already the Regulation in force and the present proposal is only to increase the levy of fines for a camel, buffalo, bullock and cow. These are the general animals that we have got in the State, camel excepted. The levy of fine that is proposed is one rupee. This would induce any mischief-monger to take any cattle to a pound so that he will also get one share of the fine. Ordinarily the wages of a cooly vary from four to six annas. If a cooly removes one or two cattle to the pound he can make his living. The present amendment is capable of doing more mischief than good. Hence I oppose the Bill.

President.—The question before the House is that leave be given to introduce the 'Cattle Trespass Regulation Amendment Bill.

Question put and agreed to.

Nambudiri Reform Bill.

President.—The last Bill stands in the name of Mrs. C. Payitran.

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Mrs. G. Pavitran.—Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Nambudiri Reform Bill.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—I second it.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I want some information. This Bill is only a copy of the Nambudiri Regulation which has already been passed by this Council. I want to know what the fate of that Bill now is. If it is passed, then this will be superfluous. The same sections are copied in this Bill also. If something is said definitely with regard to that Bill, then we can go on with this Bill.

President.—Then why are you in a hurry when the fate of that Bill is not known? Now supposing it is passed, this will also be there. What is the purpose of this?

Mrs. G. Pavitran.—The two Bills are net similar The purpose of this Bill is to redress the grievances of the women of the Nambudiri community.

President.—They are now under the Purdha system.

Mrs. G. Pavitran.—For a long time now the Nambudiri women of this State have been labouring under many difficulties which have prevented them from growing to their full stature The object of the present Bill is to do away with the obstacles that stand in the way of their getting married (1) by giving them equal facilities with men in the matter of marriage and (2) by enabling the junior male members of the Nambudiri *illoms* to marry in their own community.

President.—I think this was not in the original Bill. The purpose you have now given will not be satisfied by that Bill. It is only concerned with the management of the *illom*, etc. We may now go on with this Bill.

The question before the House is that leave be given to introduce the 'Nambudiri Reform Bill'.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolutions on Matters of General Public Interest.

4. Abolition of capital punishment (*contd.*).

President.—We shall next proceed with the further consideration of resolution number four. The last speaker yesterday was Mr. Thomas Manjuran.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I was saying yesterday that there were two things to be considered in the administration of criminal law. One would be entirely from a sentimental point of view, and this question is not one to be very lightly tackled. I found that, as against the various extracts read by the proposer of this resolution yesterday, there is high judicial and other support for the opposition. It would be a costly experiment to abolish death penalty. I found for instance a very learned article, from the pen of no less a person than Sir

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